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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: MICHAEL SAMUELS

C 06-37

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

COMPLAINANT Gloria Gonzalez-Meyer filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Michael Samuels, a Miami-Dade County Judge, alleging violations of the Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices of the County Ordinance at Section 2-11.1.1 (D)(11). RESPONDENT agreed to and signed the Voluntary Statement on May 12, 2006.

RESPONDENT is a Judge who campaigned for reelection in 2006. According to allegations made in the COMPLAINT, RESPONDENT Samuels distributed campaign cards listing his involvement with community organizations, without specifying that he was no longer currently associated with some of these groups.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Section 2-1068 and Section 2-11.1.1 (D) (2), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has jurisdiction to enforce Sections 2-11.1.1 (D) (11), which prohibits the use of campaign material that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts. On September 27, 2006, the Ethics Commission determined the COMPLAINT to be legally sufficient. On November 21, 2006, the Ethics Commission found no probable cause in this case, because the mere listing of past as well as present experience together on a card with limited space was not misleading.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the COMPLAINT is hereby dismissed for lack of probable cause.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on November 21, 2006.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

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Chairman